

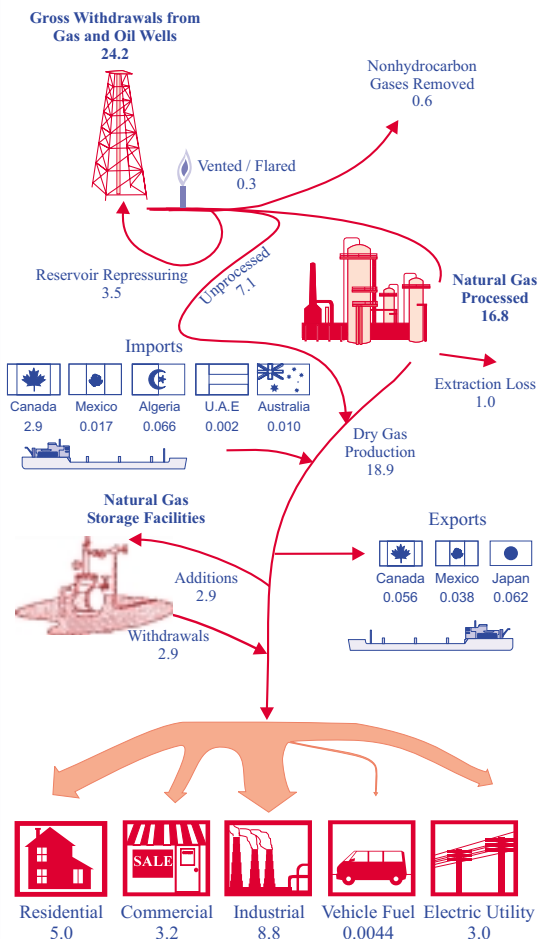
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- Natural gas accounts for about 25% of the energy used each year in the U.S. During 1997, 22 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of gas was consumed, about 40% by the industrial sector.
- Production was 19.0 Tcf in 1997. These supplies were supplemented by 3 Tcf of imports, primarily from Canada. Net imports accounted for 13% of consumption.
- Storage operators reported 4.0 Tcf of working gas in storage at the end of December 1997.

Natural Gas Supply and Disposition in the United States, 1997 (Trillion Cubic Feet)



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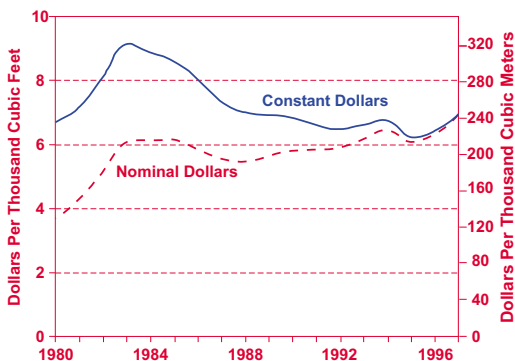
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Average Price of Natural Gas Delivered to Residential Consumers, 1980-1997



The natural gas industry provided service to 56.2 million residential customers in 1997, 2% more than in 1996. The average price paid by residential consumers in 1997 increased to \$6.94 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf), 8% above the previous high of \$6.41 per Mcf in 1994. Adjusted for inflation, the 1997 price was still 25 percent below the 1983 peak price.

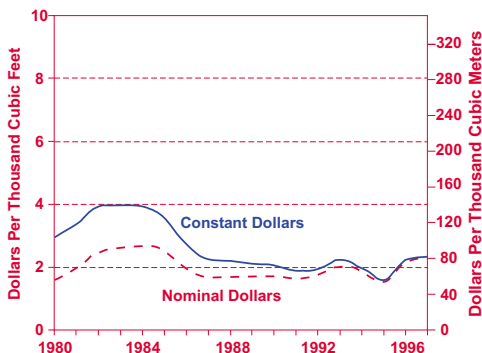
Prices of Natural Gas by End-Use Sector

	1997	1996
Residential	\$6.94	\$6.41
Commercial*	\$5.79	\$5.40
Industrial**	\$3.59	\$3.42
Electric Utilities	\$2.74	\$2.69
Vehicle Fuel	\$4.44	\$4.34

*onsystem sales, 22 to 29% of deliveries

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Average Wellhead Price of Natural Gas, 1980-1997



The average wellhead price of natural gas in nominal dollars reached \$2.32 per Mcf in 1997, the highest level since the 1982 through 1985 time period when it ranged from \$2.46 to \$2.66 per Mcf. Adjusted for inflation, the 1997 price was still more than 41% below the 1983 peak price.

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